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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PERSONNEL CHANGES PER CENTO REORGANIZATION
COMMITTEE

REF: ANKARA 3165

1. REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MET JUNE 21 TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN ECONOMIC DIVISION. REORGANIZATION OF SECRETARIAT AS WHOLE NOT LIKELY TO BE DETERMINED BEFORE SEPTEMBER. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, COMMITTEE APPEARS RECEPTIVE TO PROPOSALS TO ELIMINATE SEPARATE US BLOCK GRANT SECTION AND ESTABLISH NEW PROGRAM SECTION WITHIN ECONOMIC DIVISION WITH NET CUT OF ONE PROGRAM POSITION (CURRENTLY HELD BY FSO JOHN DENNIS) AND ONE CLERICAL POSITION.
2. FINANCE DIRECTOR POSITION NOW FILLED BY FSO LEMUEL COLES IS LIKELY TO BE CONTINUED UNDER REORGANIZATION ALTHOUGH THIS NOT YET DECIDED. COLES IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART POST JULY 3 FOR WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT NUMBER OF FSO SECONDED POSITIONS
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IN SECRETARIAT CAN NOW BE CUT FROM THREE TO TWO. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH US OFFICERS IN SECRETARIAT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT COLES NOT BE REPLACED AT PRESENT TIME. CENTO FINANCE DIRECTOR POSITION SHOULD REMAIN AS US SECONDED SLOT BUT CAN BE LEFT VACANT UNTIL END OF DENNIS TOUR.

4. REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE HAS AGREED THAT INCUMBENTS OF

SECONDED POSITIONS IN SECRETARIAT MAY REMAIN UNTIL END OF
ASSIGNMENT EVEN IF COMMITTEE ABOLISHES POSITION. EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TO PERMIT FSO JOHN DENNIS TO
COMPLETE HIS TOUR OF DUTY IN ANKARA AS HE WISHES. MOREOVER, DENNIS
IS NEEDED TO HELP ESTABLISH NEW PROGRAM SECTION IN ECONOMIC
DIVISION. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT CENTO
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS BECAUSE FY 1977/78 CENTO BUDGET HAS
BEEN PREPARED AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO CENTO BUDGET AND ADMINIS-
TRATIVE COMMITTEE BY PAKISTANI DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR
POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS. FY 1978/79 BUDGET
NOT SCHEDULED FOR PREPARATION UNTIL NEXT SPRING AND SUMMER
AFTER DENNIS WOULD DEPART AND ASSIGNMENT OF COLES' REPLACEMENT.
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